Ban on Asbestos industry

1456. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many countries in the world have banned asbestos industry as it poses great health hazard leading to acute lung disease 'asbestoses';

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to discourage this industry in India and what safeguards are being taken to prevent the health hazards; and

(c) whether Government will see to it that asbestos products would carry statutory warning that it is injurious to health?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Use of same forms of asbestos is banned in some countries in the world.

(b) Government has put asbestos and asbestos products in the list of industries in respect of which industrial licence is compulsory. State Governments have been advised not to register any unit for the manufacture of asbestos products in the small scale sector. As a matter of policy, manufacture of asbestos-free products are being encouraged.

(c) There is IS:12081—1987 by Bureau of Indian Standards, New Delhi regarding recommendations for pictorial warning sign and precautionary notices for Asbestos and its products. Organised sector units are following these signs. There is also IS:11451—1986 for safety and health requirements relating to occupational exposure to asbestos.

Off-loading PSU Shares

1457. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the authority which fixed the criteria for off-loading public sector unit shares;

(b) whether objections were raised by the affected public sector unit managements on matters like bunching together the shares of weak and strong units, reduction in minimum prices after bids were received etc. and;

(c) if so, whether the committee set up for the purpose, deliberated on the issues and decisions were taken thereafter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The Committee set up for the purpose of fixing criteria and deciding the modalities of disinvestment during 1991-92 deliberated on several occasions on several matters relating to disinvestment, and also met a number of times the public sector representatives when several suggestions and observations were put forth. The Government adopted criteria for off-loading PSU shares keeping in mind the issues related in off-loading shares to FIs/MFs.

World Bank Assistance to PSUs

1458. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank and India have worked out a plan to restructure PSUs for 93-94;

(b) if so, what is the total amount that will be released during four years; and

(c) if so, what are the PSUs that will be restructured under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

1459. (Transferred to 10th August, 1993)

Trichy unit of BHEL

1460. SHRI S. MUTHUMANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Trichy Unit of BHEL is short of orders due to decrease of production by 7,000 M.W. during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the present orders wih the BHEL Trichy will last only for another 12 months and thereafter this Unit will become order-less and invite the situation like closure of this Unit; and

(c) whether Government are aware if the plans to generate about 17,000 M.W. by both Indian and foreign companies are cleared by Government, the order position for BHEL, Trichy would be improved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Trichy Unit of BHEL is having lean orderbook as the inflow of the orders over the years has been inadequate and most of the orders received for the 8th Plan have already been executed.

(b) As per the orders in hand, the capacity utilisation in the next two years would decline to about 15 per cent if the receipt of new orders is delayed.

(c) Order book position of BHEL Trichy may improve if it gets some share out of the likely power plants to be set up by Indian and Foreign Companies.

नई औद्योगिक नीति में विकास कार्यक्रम

1461. **श्री राधा किशन मालवीय :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने नयी औद्योगिक नीति के अंतर्गत देश के ग्रामीण और आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में विकास कार्यक्रम शुरू किए हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस प्रकार के कार्यक्रम किन-किन राज्यों मे चलाए जा रहे हैं और इनसे राज्यवार कितने व्यक्तियों को लाभ पहुंचा है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (औद्योगिक विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री और उद्योग मंत्रालय (भारी उद्योग विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Foreign investment proposals

1462. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI K. K. VEERAPPAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many foreign investment proposals were cleared by Foreign Investment Board, year-wise figures;

(b) the names of those proposals cleared since the assumption of the present Government the details of the investment including the capital required, capital imported, requisite number of